

Truck climbing passing lanes - I-90/Cle Elum to Vantage



Quarterly Project Report Update For Quarter Ending June 2003

Project Title & Location

I-90/Highline Canal to Elk Heights – East of Cle Elum

Contractor

Westway Construction, Inc.

Project Description

Constructs new truck climbing/passing lane eastbound on I-90 from Highline Canal to Elk Heights. This work will consist of adding a 12 ft Portland Cement Concrete Pavement lane to the outside and widening the Highline Canal bridge.

Recent Progress

This contract was awarded to Westway Construction of Airway Heights, Washington on August 7, 2003 at its low bid amount of \$2,816,875.60, which is \$507,406.90 below the WSDOT engineer's estimate. However, between award and contract execution (the legally permissible window for WSDOT's review), an investigation of a bid protest by the second low bidder, Scarsella Brothers Construction of Seattle, Washington, caused WSDOT to rescind the award. The basis for the bid protest was that the low bidder had failed to properly comply with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise requirements contained in this contract by its eligibility for part of its project cost from federal highway funds.

Design / Construction Impacts

The apparent low bidder has until Friday, August 22nd to seek administrative reconsideration of its disqualification. If reconsideration is not sought, or should it be denied, award would be expected to be made to the second low bidder, whose bid amount was \$3,132,267.57, which is \$192,014.93 below the WSDOT engineer's estimate. WSDOT's expectation is that an award will be made in the very near future at a contract price that will be no greater than the second low bidder's bid amount and at a delay not likely to be greater than three weeks from the originally-scheduled notice to proceed. The outcome of this situation will be reported on at the quarterly report for the quarter ending September 30, 2003.

Environmental Impacts / Compliance

All environmental permits for construction have been received and anticipated environmental impacts are mitigated as part of the contract.

Impacts to Traffic

Lane closures could occur Monday thru Thursday. No lane closures are allowed Friday thru Sunday and holidays.

Project Milestones	Scheduled	Attained	Milestone Outlook
Contract Advertised	Jul 03	Jun 03	Completed 4 weeks in advance of schedule.
Contract Awarded	Aug 03	Aug 03	Completed on time.
Groundbreaking	Sep 03		Rescindment of contract award will affect the groundbreaking date.
Open to Traffic	Fall 04		Rescindment of contract award may affect the open-to-traffic date.

Project Cost Summary:

Preliminary Engineering

Dollars in millions

\$0.7 m

Percent of total

16.8 %

Right-Of-Way

\$0.0 m

0.0 %

Construction

\$3.6 m

83.2 %

Total Project Cost

\$4.3 m

100 %

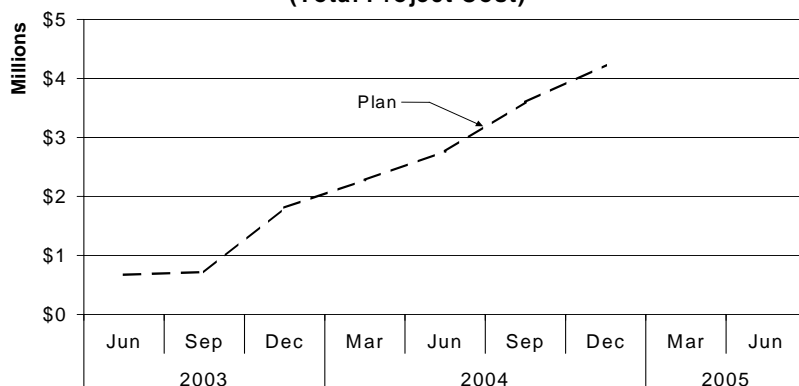
Nickel funds included in above costs

\$3.6 m

83.2 %

The current expectation is that the project cost at completion will be within the total project cost noted above.

Actual vs. Planned Expenditures (Total Project Cost)



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